



## Ocean Wave Quilters

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### January 2016 Newsletter

#### Message from the President - Sharon L

The start of the New Year has brought some much needed rain to us here on the North Coast. Of course, that comes with its downsides, too - I know Lonna is battling septic issues, Judy W had a bit of a bathroom flood, and I, for one, am a little tired of waking up to either raindrops hitting my face or looking at one - no two - no, wait, now three! - walls where the drywall is bubbling from a leak at the ceiling joint. (But the important thing is my stash is nice and dry.) I hope you will look through YOUR stash and bring to this Sunday's meeting any fabric you have that you are willing to donate for our "Brown Bag Challenge" - see the article in this newsletter.

I also hope you will enjoy the "Schoolhouse" format for this Sunday's meeting - see the Education Committee's Report in this newsletter for details.

2016 will be another busy - and hopefully rewarding - year for the Ocean Wave Quilters. We will continue to work on using Teri Scott's fabric for our Warm Welcome quilts, to make Touch and Chaplain quilts, to stitch goody bags, and to make dog beds. The Quilt Show will be here before you know it, so I hope you are working on your entries, as well as your Sew 'n Sew challenge quilt ("Are we there yet?") and your Fire and Ice entry (see Cindi's article in this newsletter). And I hope you are taking time to just enjoy the process of being creative.

#### December 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes,

#### Summary - Karen L, Recording Secretary

1. The proposal to spend \$300 for a Mendocino County Quilt Trail Block to be placed in the foyer of the Senior Center was approved.

2. Sharon L has a rotary blade sharpener that works; if you would like to borrow it, contact her.
3. The Quilt Show Committee will have its first meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm following the OWQ general meeting. We welcome anyone who would like to participate. Make sure you have the show dates - June 25-26, 2016 - on your calendar!
4. The holiday parties were enjoyed by all who attended.

#### HELP! Fabric Needed for *Brown Bag Challenge* - Sharon L

Because our Annual Tea has been moved from September to April this year, we are way behind on our collection of fabric to put into the brown bags. Please go through your stash! We are especially looking for fabric that is - shall we say - challenging? (AKA "ugly".) Weird prints, weird colors, all are fair game. Pieces that are about  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard are best.

Please bring the fabric to the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, or contact Irene to arrange to get it to her. She wants to start putting the brown bags together ASAP so that you will have time to work your magic and create something to share at the Tea!

#### Special Events Committee report - Dee G, chairperson

**Grange Retreat** - March 23, 24, 25 and 26. We will discuss at the Sunday meeting making Saturday the last day of the retreat. We might try it in March, since Easter Sunday falls on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We will also discuss having assigned work days by those attending.

**Brown Bag Challenge for April Tea** - It's time to start collecting fabric and giving it to Irene Ponts who has agreed to be in charge of the Brown Bag Challenge. Packets should be made available by this month' Sew Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. **Please bring your fabric donations to Sunday's Meeting.**

### Education Committee report - Sharon L, chairperson

This Sunday's meeting will feature a "Schoolhouse" format. Four stations will be set up for demonstrations of different techniques:

- Quilt-as-You-Go (Robin)
- Ways of Binding a Quilt (Dee)
- Free-Motion Quilting (Karen L)
- Thread Painting (Sharon L)

These were the top 4 techniques that most respondents to the Education Committee's survey said they were "Very Interested" in learning. Members will have the opportunity to spend 15 minutes at each demonstration, watching the technique and asking questions. Hopefully this will inspire all of us to stretch ourselves to incorporate some of these techniques into our quilting this year!

### Quilt Show Meeting - Judy W

There will be a Quilt Show meeting at 3:30pm after the OWQ meeting. All are welcome to attend. Thanks.

### Heart Fabric Needed for the Grange - Connie M

The ladies at the Whitesboro Grange need small heart print fabric to make the teddy bears that go into the goodie bags. They are looking for some fabric to make the bears that can be used for bags for boys (like green hearts, blue, teal etc.). But they will take any color. Bring it to the meeting I will collect them and pass them on.

### \*\*\*\*\*Personals/Comments\*\*\*\*\*

From Diane V - Does anyone in the group have horses that might welcome another rider? I don't have horses anymore, but would enjoy some friendly riding! Contact me at dvcarousel4@gmail.com

From Shirlee P - Happy New Year! Thank you for selecting me for "Featured Artist" of the 2016 Quilt Show. Our group is filled with talented quilt artists who have much to share with our community, I am grateful to have been chosen this year.

I'm looking forward to another outstanding year of quilting and friendship with Ocean Wave Quilters.

### Fire and Ice Show - Cindi

It is not too early to be imagining or making your visions take form for the April 2016 show at the Odd Fellows Hall in Mendocino. This year's theme (interpreted very loosely) will be *Fire and Ice*.

You are receiving this reminder and gentle 'nudge' because you were part of our first annual *Quilts, Textiles and other Creative Expressions* show last April or you signed up on our 'interested' list for this coming April. We certainly hope your work will be represented in this show. We are still receiving positive comments and feedback from the *In Black and White* exhibit last spring.

If you know of others who might be interested, please pass this on and have them contact us if they would like to be on the mailing list.

Looking forward to experiencing the great pleasure of putting together and viewing our collected works!





## Events and classes at Sew 'n Sew Fabrics - Nancy L

**2016 BOM** Pattern is Curve it up. Simple curves added to traditional blocks.

Demo monthly and sewing afterward.

Date and Time: Jan 14 at 12:15

Jan 16 at 9:15

Cost: Free with purchase of the pattern

Sign up now!

### Make a Tuffet

Learn how to make a beautiful tuffet with your own touches.

Dates and time: Jan 28 and Feb 11 10 to 1

Cost: \$60 You will also need to purchase the pattern and kit

### Fabric Sale

Feb 4, 5 & 6 All fabric are 40% off

McCall Patterns 50% off

### December Treasurer's Report For 12/1/15 -12/31/15

Starting Balance 12/1/15: **\$7353.40**

**Expenses:** YTD: **\$3,886.74**

**Total Expenses:** **\$257.75**

**Income:** YTD: **\$7991.83**

**Total Income:** **\$185.00**

Total/Ending Balance 12/31/15: **\$7,150.65**

#### **Please note...**

Our club year runs from 7/1/15 to 6/30/16; YTD is for these months.



### OWQ Agenda - Sunday, January 10, 2016 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

#### Business:

- Sunshine - Visitors - New Members
- Financial
  - Status of 501c3 application
  - 2016-2017 Budget - Information for Chairs to meet March deadline
- Special Events
  - Grange Retreat - March 2016
  - Brown Bag Challenge

#### Blockettes:

- Raffle Sharon B's blockettes
- Blockette of the Month - Paula P.

#### Name Tag Raffle

"Schoolhouse"

Raffle

Show and Tell

Announcements



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

January      5 Board Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm  
 10 General Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm  
 24 Sew Sunday anytime from 10am to 4pm  
 February      2 Board Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm  
 14 General Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm  
 28 Sew Sunday anytime from 10am to 4pm  
 March          1 Board Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm  
 13 General Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm  
 23-26 Retreat at the Grange

**January Birthdays**



2 Janet  
 26 Phoebe  
 29 Nancy Y

**OWQ Board**

**Officers:**

President: Sharon L  
 Vice-President: Marcia  
 Secretary: Dee /Karen L  
 Treasurer: Paula P  
 Communication: Lonna  
 Club Historian - Miriam

**Committee Chairs:**

Service - Sandi S    Hospitality - Lonna    Special Events - Dee G    Education - Sharon L  
 Quilt Show - Judy W



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**Checklist for the Meeting - all are optional**



- :: Show and Tell Projects
- :: Potluck Item      :: Sharon's Blockette
- :: Fabric for the *Brown Bag Challenge*

Item	Need	Don't need
Texture quilts		X
Warm Welcome quilts		X
Chaplain quilts		X
Goody bags	X	
Knitted baby caps	X	
Chemo caps		X
Dog Bed Material	X	